Dear Henry, 1/19/83

Your Ruby chapter is good. I'll tape comments on my annotations.

In your letter you ask about the SPCA's concern over his treatment of his dogs. My source is Henry Wade's files.

I like Henry personally and believe he is a good prosecutor and an honest man. I've been in his office when he displayed what is too often lacking in most prosecutors, realization that a prosecutor has responsibilities other than getting a conviction regardless of other considerations. So, if you want more than my word - and I recall other things there you might want to use but do not really need -tell him that I told you he has letters from the SPCA about this in his Ruby file. (He may not have them in his office any more.) And that I suggested that you ask him about this.

Nothing new in NO files on Tannenbaum or Conforto re NO. There were a few interesting Conforto records in the Dallas files, but they have nothing to do with this aspect at all. I have made separate subject-file copies.

Nothing new on how Oswald got to Mexico that I recall. However, there were records raising questions about his return. Again, separate subject-file copies.

On the first shell found at the Tippit killing, easiest way to locate it in the DPD radio transcripts is in the Tippit chapter of WW, where I cite it.

I left no message on your answering machine because I did not want to waste any of the Digest's money. I place a station call and the operator interrupted. Next time I'll make it person-to-person if I expect to be home when you might return the call, if there is an intercept on the station call.

I hope you tape interviews with the other Russian defectors!

Comments on Ms. Maleki's questions:

1, on 399's weight: I think that while accurate, this should be clarified. When we deposed Frazier he testified that he weighed 399 only once, on receipt, and that he had no record of the weights of the samples removed. Also, he never testified to taking a lead sample to the WC. I primed Oser to ask him this in NO, and he then testified to taking the second sample. This the weight of the lead taken is not in the WC's considerations and conclusions.

2: While it is accurate to state that the experts found that it was "extremely difficult" to get three shots off," I presume you also say within the time permitted, it would be much more accurate to state that no expert has evern been qable to duplicate the shooting skill and speed attributed to Oswald.

3. My recollection is not clear on the part that has an expert stating he was not sure 399 lost any weight at all. I seem to remember something like this, but not clearly and not with connection to any name.

Two general comments on the Ruby chapter, which I think is good. You tied yourself too clsoely to the mafia theory and need not (while saying exactly what you do say) and you associate yourself personally with some words that I regard as superfluous in any event. I've marked some but not all of them. With regard to the possibility of DPD involvement, why not a brief grap or two on the other possible means of enrty? But remember, there is a time clock: he did send that $25 by WU and I have an original thoermofax of it. He could have used the inside stairs, as HSCA also heard, after a Dallas critic, perhaps Gary Mack, brought this to light.

I've finished dictating and expect to make a package after supper.

Best wishes,